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Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, as usual, no mail today again. But some of these days I am going to fool you and start a letter with I got some mail today. Right?

This morning I went over to get a cup of coffee, and played 3 games of ping pong, losing 2 and winning 1. This afternoon I went to get a coke and the winner played 1 game and the loser sat down. Well I played 1½ hours, beating every one that came up. Then after all had played me I played a boy who I had previously beaten twice and he beat me 21-17. I was really hot and was putting the ball where they weren't.

Last night for 3 hours I started writing a story of my experiences since leaving the states. I wrote 16 pages and am still on the Pacific coming over. I shall send you a copy of it when I am finished. It will save me the trouble of telling you and everyone about everything, and will be more in detail than I can ever remember to tell. I want to write it while it is still fresh in my mind.

We are having a show tonight, as it is Thursday, so guess I will go. A USO show is on the island now, and will show to us next Wednesday. Today is Thursday. There are not many ships around here now, and therefore not much to do. That really makes me mad. Right?

Rosie, the monkey, has been sick, and I gave here some bicarbinate of soda at lunch time. I hope she is feeling better now. I got some mango nuts and bananas to feed them today. They love them, and also any kind of fruit and candy.

I am reading a very good book now. It is Guerrilla. It is about the type of warfare in Germany they fight in the mountains, and is very good.

I saw Nat at dinner and we shot bull. He really has a good job. He and an officer are in charge of the investigating of the black market here on the island. He has charge of all of the confiscated goods, and there is plenty of it. He has a warehouse full of it. He is getting me and himself a valo-pack. I want one to carry my stuff home in, and then I can always use one there. I don't want to lug a duffel bag home. Right? They cost $12.50, and are darn nice ones.

That is all for now, so be good and write soon.

Love,
Harold